

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:

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For: Screening for Anti-ovulatory Compounds

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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April 24, 2008

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 24, 2008, with the above-identified patent application.

The Restriction Requirement asserted that the claims define two (2) allegedly independent and distinct inventions and required the Applicant to elect one of the following two inventions:

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| Group I  | Claims 1-4, 6-15, and 17-21, drawn to a method of screening for compounds that inhibit the interaction between SF-1 and Nrip1; and |
| Group II | Claim 5-14 and 16-21, drawn to a method of screening for compounds that upregulate expression of SF-1.                             |

Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, claims 1-4, 6-15, and 17-21, drawn to a method of screening for compounds that inhibit the interaction between SF-1 and Nrip1. This election is made with traverse. Traversal is on the grounds that the burden on the

Patent Office to consider all of the groups of claims together is less than the burden on Applicants/the public to prosecute/search the applications/patents separately. In the event that this Restriction Requirement is maintained, Applicants expressly retain the right to seek rejoinder of the restricted claims, as appropriate, upon receipt of an indication of allowable subject matter. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement and consideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

In view of the Applicants' above elections, Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement has been satisfied. Applicants submit that claims 1-4, 6-15, and 17-21 read on the elected invention. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request examination of claims 1-4, 6-15, and 17-21 on the merits.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment with respect to this paper to Deposit Account Number 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket Number **015959-00014**.

Respectfully submitted,



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